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In re Application of

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Hertelendy, et al. Application No. 09/516,078

PETITION

Filed: March 1, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 45061-8 For: UROGENTIAL OR ANORECTAL TRANSMUCOSAL VACCINE DELIVERY

SYSTEM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed May 24, 2001.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned July 12, 2001 for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action. The non-final Office action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 27, 2002.

Petitioner asserts that a petition for an extension and an amendment were timely filed October 11, 2001. Petitioner has provided a copy of the response originally filed which bears a certificate of mailing date of October 11, 2001.

The response submitted October 11, 2001 has not been located in the Office, however, in view of the evidence submitted, the response is deemed timely.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby <u>vacated</u> and the holding of abandonment is <u>withdrawn</u>.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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